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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. I GAVE FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL OUR NON-PAPER THIS MORNING AFTER SUMMARIZING FOR HIM MAIN POINTS. HE PROMISED TO GIVE IT SERIOUS STUDY AND UNDERSTANDABLY QUESTIONED WHETHER DUTCH COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS COULD BE READY BY APRIL 1. THEY WOULD NOT BE MORE THAN A DAY LATE, HE BELIEVED.

2. VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACT ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES. HE PRAISED THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS OBVIOUSLY SINCERE EFFORTS TO GET A HANDLE ON WEAPONS CONCERNS AND TO CONSTRUCTION RATIONAL INTERNATIONAL REGIMES WHICH WOULD ASSURE ADEQUACY OF NEUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL USES. THE DUTCH ARE IN COMPLETE SYMPATHY WITH THESE

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OBJECTIVES BUT STILL SUFFER ANXIETY OVER THEIR SHORTER TERM PROBLEM, I.E., THE INVOLVEMENT OF URENCO FACILITIES IN THE FRG/BRAZIL CONTRACT.

3. I ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS NOW UNANIMITY AMONG THE CONSORTIUM PARTNERS FOR DEFERRAL BEYOND APRIL 1 AS A RESULT OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS LAST WEEK IN ROME.

VAN DER STOEL CONFIRMED ESSENTIALLY CONTENT OF LONDON 5099 DESCRIBING THE EXCHANGES AMONG GENSCHER, OWEN AND HIMSELF AS QTE LESS THAN SYSTEMATIC UNQTE. FOR THE PRESENT, DEFERRAL OF THE URENCO CONTRACT IS A FACT, ALTHOUGH VAN DER STOEL'S PERCEPTION IS THAT THE FRG IS SIMPLY "AD-HOC"-ING IT. THIS HE FEARS MEANS A LESS THAN RESOLUTE PARTNER FOR DEFERRAL IN THE UK AND THAT THE ISSUE HAS ONLY BEEN TEMPORARILY SHELVED AND NOT SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION VAN DER STOEL TOLD ME THAT GENSCHER HAD GIVEN HIM A LETTER IN WHICH THE FRG SEEMED QTE SOMEWHAT VAGUELY UNQTE TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF STORAGE OF PLUTONIUM UNDER ARTICLE XII.A.5 OF THE IAEA STATUTE. THIS PROPOSAL ALSO WOULD REQUIRE MUCH FURTHER AND MORE SPECIFIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN BONN AND THE HAGUE BEFORE ANYTHING IS PINNED DOWN, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING BRAZILIAN ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS PROPOSED BY DUTCH.
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